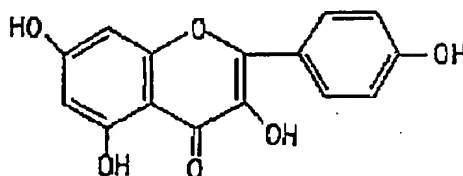


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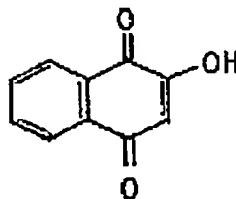


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ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain an antipruritic agent, composed of an extract of petals of *Impatiens balsamina* L., free from side effects and having excellent antipruritic effect.

SOLUTION: This agent is composed of an extract of petals of *Impatiens balsamina* L., preferably the extract containing a flavonoid compound of formula I, etc., or a naphthoquinone compound of formula II, etc. Among petals of *Impatiens balsamina* L., white petals are preferably used because they can give an extract having excellent antipruritic effect. Examples of a polar solvent to be used for extraction include methanol, ethanol, acetone, etc. A daily dose of the antipruritic agent is preferably 0.1 μ g to 800mg for every 1kg of body weight when it is used as a medicine.

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